GRAMA Notice of Appeal to State Records Committee

Note: Utah Code § 63G-2-403 (GRAMA) provides that any person may further appeal the chief administrative officer's denial of an appeal by filing a notice of appeal with the State Records Committee. This notice must be filed within 30 days of the response from a governmental entity's chief administrative officer or no later than 45 days after the records request was made if the following occur: the governmental entity claims extraordinary circumstances, and the chief administrative officer failed to make a determination.

Requester's information

Name: Earl Bramhall	Date: June 28, 2017
Address: Mailing address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Daytime telephone number:	

Make request to

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Explanation of Relief Sought

Note: Relief can relate to conflicts over denial of access to records (Utah Code § 63G-2-402) as well as disputes over fees (Utah Code § 63G-2-203(6)) or extraordinary circumstances (Utah Code § 63G-2-402)).

The State Records Committee can also use the weighing provision to order the release of records that are properly restricted if it determines that the interests favoring access are greater than or equal to the interests favoring restriction (Utah Code § 63G-2-203(11))

Nova Dubovik:

I have filed GRAMA request(s) to Salt Lake Legal Defender Association regarding the funds they have expended in my case for the past 9 years to 5 different attorneys.

I sent the first request on May 4, 2017 (exhibit "A").

I received a response dated May 12, 2017 from Richard P. Mauro, Executive Director (exhibit "B") of which he informs me they are not required to give GRAMA because they are a non-profit. I discovered on May 9, 2017 (3 days prior to Mr. Mauro's response) rule/statute 63G-2-103 and 11-13a-102 (exhibit "C") was put into effect of which clearly states (if I read these definitions correctly) any non-profit of which is paid from a state agency is thereby required to comply to GRAMA as this places them under GRAMA stipulations being they are paid by a state agency. Upon making this discovery, I then sent another GRAMA request on June 9, 2017 (exhibit "D"), noting the new rule/statute, informing Mr. Mauro they are required to comply. I have received no response.

The Salt Lake Legal Defender Association is paid by the Salt Lake County.

Furthermore I've discovered the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association is/was paid millions of dollars for the current year 2017 by the Salt Lake County.

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There has been over a million dollars spent in this malicious attempt to persecute me in charge(s) of which I am innocent of. The case has been active since 07/23/2017 and continues on. I've been strong-armed over 30 times to take a plea offer, of which I refuse. I've been to court over 60 times.

I've been forced to fire 4 court appointed attorneys because they all have made strong-arm attempts to get me to accept a plea, regardless of my innocence.

I am making every legal attempt to reveal just how much money has been foolishly expended in this crass attempt to force me into a plea offer, regardless of my innocence.

I feel it is important to reveal this information to the pubic just how careless both the Salt Lake District attorney and Salt Lake Legal Defender Association is in foolishly expending funds, making virtually every attempt to strong-arm people into accepting plea offers, regardless of one's innocence.

This form of financial irresponsibility, misuse of funds, has been going on for many, many years. I have discovered both these agencies (Salt Lake District Attorney, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association) are working together in order to force, strong-arm people into taking plea offers, not going to trial, regardless of one's innocence.

These very crass actions must be curtailed.

I hereby request your agency to order a hearing to determine whether Salt Lake Legal Defender Association is/is not required to comply to GRAMA requests.

I am prepared to bring forth all my hard copy evidence of which is also given here as exhibits "A, B, C, D" respectfully.